

COVID-19 UPDATES ~OCTOBER 2, 2020~

Virginia Launches New Open Data Portal to Enhance COVID-19 Response and Recovery



Yesterday, Governor Ralph Northam announced that the Virginia Open Data Portal now includes more than a dozen new COVID-19 datasets from the Virginia Department of Health. The launch of the new Virginia Open Data Portal, which is a collaboration between the Office of the Chief Data Officer and the Library of Virginia, was accelerated amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic to provide greater access to the data informing public health officials and allow Virginians to interact with it.

Read the Full Press Release

REMINDER: Second Half Personal Property Tax Deadline is October 5, 2020

Payments postmarked after October 5, 2020, will incur a 10 percent late payment penalty. Additional interest at the rate of 10 percent per annum will be assessed. Payments not received within 60 days of the due date will incur an additional 15 percent penalty. The due date will not be extended for bills where assessment questions have



been filed with the Commissioner of the Revenue.

<u>Taxpayers who are having financial difficulties should contact the</u> <u>Treasurer's Collections Team at 703-771-5656 for assistance.</u>

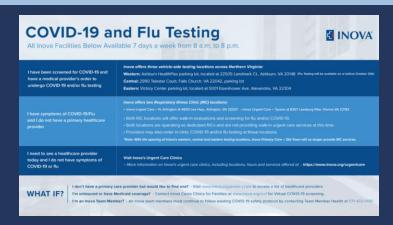
Payments may be made:

- Online: loudounportal.com/taxes
- Through a mobile device: The Link2Loudoun app is available for free from the iPhone App Store and the Google Play Store.
- By telephone: 1-800-269-5971 may be called 24 hours a day. During regular business hours, call 703-777-0280. Please have your account number and credit card number ready.
- By mail: County of Loudoun, P.O. Box 1000, Leesburg, Virginia 20177-1000
- In person: Treasurer's Office Locations:
 - 1 Harrison Street SE, First Floor, Leesburg, Virginia
 - 21641 Ridgetop Circle, Suite 104, Sterling, Virginia

The offices' regular business hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. On Friday, October 2, and Monday, October 5, offices will be operating under extended business hours from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. In addition, 24-hour deposit boxes are located outside each office.

Please contact the Loudoun County Treasurer's Office by phone at 703-777-0280 or email if you have not received your bill.

Inova COVID-19 and Flu Testing Options



Inova makes it convenient for patients to get tested for both COVID-19 and the flu with vehicle-side testing and walk-in screening and testing.

Options are available to individuals who are experiencing COVID-19 and flu symptoms, and

asymptomatic patients required to get COVID-19 testing before an upcoming surgery or procedure.

These options are available 7 days a week from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Test results are provided within 3-5 days.

Learn More

Halloween Safety During the COVID-19 Pandemic

October is here! Halloween, trick-or-treating, and other fall festivities are going to look and feel quite a bit different than in years past due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but we can still find ways to celebrate, have fun and stay safe.



Loudoun County officials recommend that residents do not engage in traditional door-to-door trick-or-treating this Halloween or other activities that risk transmission of COVID-19.

Halloween activities that are considered high-risk and are not recommended include:

- Traditional trick-or-treating where treats are handed to children who go door to door.
- Trick-or-treating at houses where individuals are not wearing a face covering and where 6 feet of physical distance is not maintained between individuals.
- Trunk-or-treating where treats are handed out from trunks of cars lined up in large parking lots.
- Events that involve large gatherings, such as crowded costume parties held indoors and any events where social distancing is difficult to maintain.
- Indoor haunted houses where people may be crowded together and screaming.

Get Safe Halloween Guidance

New 2020 Census Target Date



The Secretary of Commerce has announced a target date of **October 5, 2020** to conclude 2020Census self-response and field data collection operations.

Loudoun's response rate has now reached 82.1% but we need to keep going!

Encourage your family

members, neighbors, friends, and coworkers to complete the Census if they have not already done so. The count affects the allocation of federal funding to the county and affects how legislative districts are drawn, and your response ensures we have the resources to build stronger communities.

Respond now online, by phone, or with a census taker in your community, and shape your future for the next 10 years. Learn more at 2020CENSUS.GOV.

Loudoun Firefighters Go Virtual For "Fire Prevention Month"

To kick off Fire Prevention Month in Loudoun County, LC-CFRS members will introduce residents to the virtual "Super Safe Loudoun" program which includes interactive and innovative educational activities that focus on critical fire prevention measures.



This year's fire prevention campaign, "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!" works to teach citizens simple, yet important, fire safety precautions to stay safe at home.

In place of our traditional open house events, the "Super Safe Loudoun" virtual program will include many new activities, videos and materials specifically targeting children, adults, and special populations.

Learn More

TopGolf Event to Benefit WGB!



There is still time to purchased your tickets to play in the Women Giving Back (WGB) fundraiser at Topgolf Loudoun on Wednesday, October 14th from 4:00-7:00 pm!

Women Giving Back sprang into action when the pandemic began by ending their clothing donation operations and providing food, diapers, and supplies to our community's most vulnerable for months. Now, WGB could use your help to raise funds to continue their many fantastic programs and initiatives.

Safety Measures:

Guests are required to wear a facemask at Topgolf Loudoun upon entry to the venue until you get to your bay and while moving throughout the venue. When in your bay at a safe social distance from

other guests who are not in your group, you are not required to wear a mask - this includes while eating, drinking or hitting. Masks are not required for children under the age of 10 or for those with underlying health conditions.

Sign Up Here

Donations of Personal Protective Equipment Still Needed

Over 44,000 pieces of PPE have been donated since the program began in March, but the need for donations to support the pandemic response is ongoing.

The county is also still taking requests from Loudoun-based health care providers & facilities that are in need of PPE.

Personal Protective Equipment





> Donate or request equipment loudoun.gov/PPE

Due to a reduced rate of donations over the past few weeks, Loudoun County will also close one of its two donation drop-off sites next week. Donations will continue to be accepted at the county's Leesburg site.

Learn How to Donate or Request PPE

Metro Opens Public Comment Period on Service Cuts as Federal Funding Support Ends



Metro has officially opened the public comment period and announced the many ways the public can make their voice heard regarding the impact of COVID-19 budget cuts that must be considered as federal funding support ends.

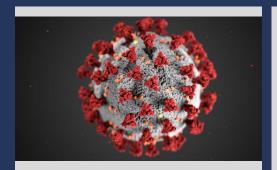
Due to the pandemic's impact on ridership and revenue, Metro is heavily dependent on CARES Act funding that will run out by the

end of the year. As a result, Metro's Board of Directors must prepare to cut more than \$200 million from the transit agency's annual operating budget, something that is only possible through a combination of service cuts, reduced hours, layoffs, furloughs, and internal cost-cutting measures.

Metro is encouraging anyone impacted by these changes to make their voice heard as part of the official Public Comment period, which runs through 9 a.m. October 19, 2020.

Make Your Voice Heard

Stay Informed!



The county continues to encourage everyone in the community to take steps to limit the spread of COVID-19,



Loudoun County encourages residents to stay informed about COVID-19

which include:

- Wear a mask/face covering (see requirements)
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer only if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Avoid contact with sick people.
- Avoid non-essential travel.

- To receive email updates on COVID-19, visit loudoun.gov/coronavirus.
- Text LCCOVID19 to 888777 to receive text alerts from Loudoun County about COVID-19.
- Envíe un mensaje de texto con LCCOVIDESP al 888777 p ara actualizaciones diaras relacionadas con el coronavirus (COVID-19) en el condado de Loudoun.

Residents with questions about COVID-19 may call the Loudoun County Health Department's information line, 703-737-8300, or email health@loudoun.gov.

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